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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/680,371	ICHIMURA ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Brian J. Davis	1621	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 May 2004.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-13 and 31-42 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) 31-42 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 1-13 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 05 October 2000 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

The examiner acknowledges for the record that applicant has established that the priority document has been submitted.

Claim Objections Withdrawn

The objection to claims 14-30, outlined in the previous Office Action, has been overcome by applicant's amendment. The amendment cancels the claims.

Claim Objections Maintained

The objection to claims 1-13, outlined in the previous Office Action, is maintained for reasons of record. There remain several instances of claims not ending in a period. The claim must end with a period even if the last "text" appearing in the claim is a structure.

Claim Objections, NEW

Claims 1-13 are objected to because of the following informalities: there are instances of incorrect spelling, for instance, in the final paragraph of claim 2: "wh re." Other instances are similar. Appropriate correction is required.

Applicant's help is respectfully requested in correcting any other minor spelling and/or grammatical errors present in the claims.

Double Patenting Rejections Withdrawn

The rejection of claims 1-30, under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claim 5 of US 6,242,116, outlined in the previous Office Action, has been overcome by applicant's submission of a Terminal Disclaimer. Claims 14-30 have been canceled.

The rejection of claims 14-30, under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claim 5 of US 6,440,585, outlined in the previous Office Action, has been overcome by applicant's amendment. The amendment cancels claims 14-30.

Double Patenting Rejections Maintained

The rejection of claims 1-13, under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, over claim 5 of US 6,440,585, outlined in the previous Office Action, is maintained for reasons of record. Although applicant states that a Terminal Disclaimer has been submitted, no such disclaimer is of record in the application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which

applicant regards as the invention. There are instances of inconsistent and therefore unclear changes made to the claims by applicant's amendment. For instance, in claim 2, it is unclear if the aryl group of formula 9 has remains within the metes and bounds of the claim, since the claim teaches "formula (9)," yet the formula is now undefined since the amendment deletes its structure. This inconsistency propagates to claim 3, where substituent R⁵⁴ now has no antecedent basis. Other instances are similar.

Applicant's help is respectfully requested in correcting any other inconsistencies and errors introduced into the claims by the amendment.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian J. Davis whose telephone number is 571-272-0638. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Johann Richter can be reached on 571-272-0646. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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 **BRIAN DAVIS**
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Brian J. Davis
June 14, 2004